

Community News

Reynolds Research Center Summer Youth Hire Program a success



"Their Faces Tell It All!"

A smiling Mr. Rayfield Reynolds at his home in Mulberry Heights is referring to his two large photographs of 90 young people who participated in the Reynolds' John Research and Development Center's Summer Youth Employment Program, Workshop 2000, this summer.

"Let me say now and unequivocally that Silver Square Masonic

Lodge Number 81 contributed mightily to our success," said Reynolds. "They donated space, mopped, dusted, sanded, painted, and then asked what else they could do."

The program emphasis was changed from four weeks to one because of budget constraints, but the young people learned a lot. They learned about wood works in

Elba and the role wood played in Elba's history during World War II. The Mulberry youth also learned about the mulberry tree and its connection with bird migration, the food chain and forestry regulations on the lives on these creatures.

Mr. Reynolds, at 87, expects to continue this effort well into the new millennium.

VOTE FOR & ELECT GAPPA WISE

ELBA CITY COUNCILMAN District 2

I will work to make Elba a better place for each of us to live and a better place for each of us to raise and enjoy our families.



Pol Adv by Gappa Wise, P O Box 469, Elba, AL 36623

Coffee County Schools Menu Aug. 21 - 25, 2000

| BREAKFAST | LUNCH |
|---|---|
| Monday - Donuts w/ Glaze, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Monday - Chicken Filet Sandwich, Fish, Nuggets, Steamed Broccoli, Apple Crisp, Fruit, Corn, Hashbrowns, Milk |
| Tuesday - Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Tuesday - Pepperoni Pizza, Tuna Salad, Tossed Salad, Butterbeans, Fruit, Ice Cream, Cup Milk |
| Wednesday - Cinnamon Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Wednesday - Chicken Pot Pie, Burritos, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, Slice Milk |
| Thursday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Thursday - Fish Sandwich, Beef & Cheese Nachos, Blackeyed Peas, Whole Potatoes, Fruit Crackers, Milk |
| Friday - Biscuit, Ham, Jelly or Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Friday - Roast Beef Sandwich, Chicken Nuggets, English Peas, Oats, Fruit, Rolls, Rice, Milk |

Elba Chamber of Commerce plans annual banquet for Thursday, Sept. 28

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area will be the site of the banquet, and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year's banquet will feature an awards ceremony for those businesses and individuals that have gone the extra mile to make Elba shine. The business of the year, chamber member of the year and volunteer of the year are a few of the awards that will be given at the ceremony.

Also during the banquet, the chamber will present a video fea-

turing three businesses that demonstrate the work ethic that the chamber tries to encourage and support.

One highlight of the banquet this year will be the door prizes that will be given away. Prizes will include an electric grill, a weekend getaway at Orange Beach, Ala. and other prizes. However, the winner must be present to be awarded the prize.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to mark the calendars now and plan to attend this year's banquet. Dress for the event is casual.

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Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams and Linda Williams

We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day three years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....

So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

In Tribute....Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The bishop." Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? You are the Bishop and Father of this house; the one the God has divinely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of a New Breed. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives, Rescued the perishing, Provided an oasis for those in desert place, And renewed solidarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually rejuvenate your precepts and examples that have been so obviously demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel, To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable. Dream the impossible. To redefine our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastors Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost, And yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' family - We Thank You! And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, The command in Chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers, And navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From,

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Family

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New Principal
At Elba High
School



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50th Wedding
Anniversary



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Learns From
Peyton
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VOTES CAST IN ELBA, NEW BROCKTON & KINSTON

Municipal voters choose 2000-2004 leaders

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Voters in local municipalities went to the polls Tuesday and chose the individuals that will lead their respective towns and cities into the 21st Century.

The voter turn-out in Elba's municipal election was extremely high Tuesday and the weather certainly was not a factor - it was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! There were 948 total votes cast which is 34 percent of the 2,749 registered voters in Elba.

Incumbent Mayor James Grimes was returned to office receiving 77 percent to 23 percent of the votes cast in the mayoral race over his opponent J. Larry Gilbert.

There will definitely be some new faces on the council with all five districts having individuals vying for a seat on the council. Districts 1 & 2 will both have new representation. A field of five ran for the District 1 seat with the present councilman, Wenzell Gray choosing not to seek re-election. There will be a run-off between L.M. Burch and Tom G. Hooks who were the two top vote getters. The District 2 seat will be occupied by political newcomer David Bandstra, who out polled his opponent by just 16 votes.

Voters in Districts 3, 4 & 5 will have to return to the polls since no one candidate received a majority of the votes cast. The two top vote-getters in the respective districts are District 3: all three candidates - Harold Bannin, H. H. Culver and Earl McCollough - will again appear on the ballot since there was a tie for second place between Bannin and McCollough. Culver led the pack with 73 votes; District 4: Ben Carpenter and Harold Spicer; and District 5: Ronnie Hammond and Bob Hahn.

In the run-off in District 3, whoever gets the most votes, regardless of the percentage, will be declared the winner.

The Town of New Brockton will also see new faces along with the present in places of leadership. History was made with the election of Charles Cole as mayor. He is the first African-American to be elected to that office in New Brockton, and for that matter, in Coffee County.

In the District 1 race, newcomer Johnnie Herron out polled Jason Williams. Newcomer Jody Stuckey was the top vote getter in District 3 over incumbent Linda Gilbert and Cal Donna Howard.

Three members of the council returned without opposition. They were: Roger Harrison - District 2; Ricky Strickland - District 4; and Ron McMonagle - District 5.

In Kinston, Mayor William Mullins Jr. was re-elected by a margin of 112 votes. Incumbents Bob Anderson, Priscilla Hall and Viola Shaffer were all re-elected to their respective seats on the council.

District 5:
Ronnie Hammond (I)68
Bobby Tills, Jr.21
Bob Hahn60

TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON
Mayor:
Britt Lee (I)138
Charles Cole228

District 1:
Johnnie F. Herron66
Jason Williams66

District 3:
Linda Gilbert (I)21
Cal Donna Howard12
Joseph "Jody" Stuckey44

TOWN OF KINSTON
Mayor:
William Mullins, Jr. (I)151
John K. Bryan39

District 1:
Bobby R. Anderson (I)104
Tonya W. Rabren85

District 2:
Kenneth D. Seay (I)91
Christopher E. Free99

District 3:
Priscilla R. Hall (I)106
Tina White84

District 5:
Viola J. Shaffer (I)125
Charles Eric Powell65

(I) Denotes Incumbent

All of the above election results are unofficial until they are certified by the respective councils in Elba, New Brockton and Kinston.

In those races requiring a run-off, they will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2000. All newly elected, re-elected and officials with no opponents will A.L.L. be sworn in on October 2 in their respective municipalities.

Four arrested on drug charges in Perry Store Community

Last Friday, four individuals were arrested by officers from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Kinston Police Department for possession of precursors used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia were Brad Boothe, Dewayne Elmore, Brad Goodson and Jimmy McCormick. Elmore also faces the additional charge of possession of marijuana.

The Kinston Police Department, acting on a tip from a concerned citizen, informed the sheriff's department concerning possible drug activity at Elmore's residence located in the Perry's Store community. Sheriff's deputies and police officers searched Elmore's mobile home after receiving his consent to do so and found marijuana, drug paraphernalia and ingredients used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

All four individuals were placed in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton.

Grimes Casts Ballot

Newcomer Chris Free won by 8 votes over incumbent Kenneth Seay. He had Smith was unopposed in the District 4 race.

The results in the Elba, New Brockton and Kinston mayoral and council races were as follows:

CITY OF ELBA
Mayor:
James Grimes (I)720
J. Larry Gilbert215

District 1:
Tim Williams25
L. M. BurchP52
Tom G. Hooks44
Jackie Farmer23
Walter Hardwick42

District 2:
David Bandstra156
Gappa Wise143

District 3:
Harold Bannin (I)P52
H. H. Junior Culver78
Earl McCollough52

District 4:
Ben Carpenter (I)35
Harold Spicer73
Lamar Hall18
Maxwell Davis18

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority is assisting the City of Elba in meeting its cash contribution requirements to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for recent minor levee rehabilitation work done to the levee surrounding Elba. The funds in the amount of \$2,250 were presented to Mr. Don Morrow, city clerk of Elba, by Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer. Also present was Barbara Gibson representing the Watershed Management Authority (not pictured).

The project involved rehabilitation of the levee protecting portions of the City of Elba by the installation of slide gates on the interior side of gravity drainage structures to ensure positive closure during periods of high river stages. It also included removal of stumps, backfilling with impervious material and other rehabilitation measures to prevent possible levee failure. Problems in closure of these drainage structures were evident during the 1990 and 1994 floods on the Pea River. The Watershed Management Authority previously gave \$16,250 to the City to help with its required cash contribution for this project. Total cost of this project was \$453,333 including federal funds.

Area Happenings

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, August 28, 2000, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, Ala.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet on the evening of Sept. 28. The Elba High School commons area will be the site of the banquet, and it is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL ADMISSION ADULT TICKETS FOR ELBA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES will be \$5.00 each and sold only at the gate. Advanced ticket sales will be for student tickets only at \$4.00 each.



WARNING SIREN FOR ZC... The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPWRMA) is co-sponsoring a project with the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for the purchase and installation of an outdoor warning siren for the Zion Chapel Community. The Watershed Management Authority is providing funds in the amount of \$5,500 to assist the Coffee County EMA with this purchase for Jimmy Holley (left of Tallas) and State representative Terry Spicer (right of Tallas). Also present were Barbara Gibson (not pictured) representing the Watershed Management Authority, Superintendent of Coffee County Schools Roger Bowden (right of Rep. Spicer), Zion Chapel High School Principal Lawrence Vickers, and members (randomly selected) of the elementary school's sixth grade class.

The objective of the outdoor warning siren is to provide advance warning of impending disaster. ZCHS is the only school in the county that is not protected by an outdoor warning siren. The siren will not only warn of an impending tornado, but will be equipped with a flood warning tone to effect timely warning and evacuation should the need arise in the event of flash flooding. The absence of this warning capability seriously impacts the safety and welfare of both the school children, personnel and the citizens in the surrounding community. The placement of the siren in this community will serve to enhance the overall county outdoor warning siren plan. The City of Elba Utility Department has agreed to assist in the mounting of the siren.

The CPWRMA is a state agency created in 1991 with the intent of protecting and managing the watersheds in southeast Alabama. Primary responsibilities of the agency are to address issues concerning water quality, water quantity, flood control and prevention, water conservation, and erosion control in this area of the state.

Elba City BOE approves \$6.5+ million budget

is state funds, \$645,000 is from federal revenues and \$1.3 million is from local funds.

Roughly \$6 million of the expenses is in salaries for teachers, administration and support staff. \$139,000 is earmarked for capital outlay new construction and building repair.

Enrollment was down during the first week of school, primarily in the elementary school, according to daily reports. Weeks said the largest attendance drop was in kindergarten which has the smallest class in many years. The high school enrollment is almost exactly the same as the same time last year, largely due to an unusually large ninth grade class. Average enrollment last year during the first 40 days of school was 1,062. Enrollment during the first 40 days of school this year varies from 1,020 to 1,035.

All teachers, with one exception, are on the "Foundation Program" which means only one Elba instructor is a completely locally funded unit. Elba schools lost three teacher units this year, one at the high school and two at the elementary school. There are 131.5 total employees in the Elba school system for the 2000-2001 school year.

Superintendent Weeks said he has spent most of his time in the last few weeks working on compliance requirements of the consent decree from the federal court desegregation consent decree. He told board members he has managed to answer some of the unanswered questions, but there is still work to be done in this area.

Weeks said he is pleased with the overall program in the schools. He explained that the school has about 30 outside the classroom optional programs ongoing at the high school and part of the consent decree is that he will work to get more minority students involved in these programs. These include sports, band, academic clubs, etc.

The board approved paying \$50 a day for all substitute teachers. Previously the schools were paying dif-

NEWS BRIEF

A new trial date has been set and a new judge assigned to preside in the DUI case against Angela Byrd, former chief real property appraiser for Coffee County. District Judge William G. Hightower will hear the case on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom C in the Enterprise Courthouse. Byrd was arrested by a Coffee County Deputy Sheriff on March 1 and charged with DUI. In the March 14th meeting of the Coffee County Commission, Ms. Byrd was terminated. She had failed to pass drug tests administered by both her employer (the county) and law enforcement. Marijuana was among the drugs Ms. Byrd tested positive for in both tests. The case had previously been scheduled for trial on July 19th, July 31st, and Aug. 14th.

CHURCH

Elba Church of God plans Homecoming Services for August 27

Elba Church of God will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, Aug. 27, with former pastor Harvey Boland as the guest speaker. The "Four Fold Quartet" from Tennessee will be singing. A covered dish lunch will be enjoyed at 12:30 p.m., and guest singers will perform at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Mashburns to be guests at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God

The Mashburns of Odenville, Ala. will sing during the 11 a.m. Worship Service at Mount Vernon Assembly of God Church on Sunday, Aug. 27. Everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel Singing planned for Saturday evening at Living Word Ministry

Living Word Ministry located at 127 Main Street, Brundidge will be having a Gospel Singing, Saturday, August 26 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Living Proof from 1:00 p.m. will be the featured guest group. For more information call 393-2610.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Richard E. Kyles, Assoc. Minister
GREATER NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Are you in God's plan?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son. God loves you and created you to know him personally.

God's Plan: John 3:17 - An this is life eternal that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. The three letter word sin has prevented us from knowing God personally. Man is sinful, and separated from God, so we cannot know him personally or experience his love and righteousness. Romans 3:23 states: For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Man was created to have fellowship with God; but because of his stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way, and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will is characterized by an attitude of active rebellion. In order to stay in God's plan, we cannot be separated from God.

God's plan for us is that we accept and know him personally. His plan is not for us to continue in our ways of evil but to turn evil into good. I challenge you today, if you not in God's plan, work towards it and you will not be dissatisfied.

Homecoming services to be held at Friendship Holiness Church

Friendship Holiness Church will hold Homecoming Services on Sunday, Aug. 27. The church is located between Elba and Opp. All past pastors, members and families are invited to attend. There will be lots of food and fellowship.

Bluff Springs Baptist Church plans to hold Youth Rally August 26th

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will hold a Youth Rally on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bro. Ben Nobles, Westview Baptist Church of Opp. A spaghetti supper will follow the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Appreciation Services planned at Collins Chapel

Appreciation Services will be held for Presiding Elder J.E. McCloud at Collins Chapel A.M.E. Church on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. Rev. McCloud is the Presiding Elder of the Ozark District A.M.E. Churches in the Wiregrass. Rev. Freddie L. Flowers, pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church of Elba, will deliver the morning message. This final district meeting, 1999-2000, will also include reports from pastors of the District's 21 churches. The public is invited to attend.

Bible Verse

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Psalm 103:1

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-17

***Thinking of you, Praying for you: Rev. N.L. Robinson, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Hillie Hooks, Dora D. Belcher, Marie Belcher, Wallace Belcher, Anne Jean Caldwell, Mary E. Holley, Ella M. Brooks, Lovie Hooks, Ed Manning, **August Birthdays - Rev. Nita Brooks, Aug. 17; J.L. Williams, Aug. 20; Andis Williams, Aug. 21 (In Memory); Alan Belcher, Aug. 26; Catheryn Tonnette Carpenter, Aug. 25; and Tony Pinckard, Aug. 17.

***Annual Missionary Rally of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba will be Sunday, Aug. 27.

***Annual Homecoming of the Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Banks, Ala. was celebrated Sunday, Aug. 20, at 2:30 p.m. The guest minister was Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of the Tarentum Community and Rocky Head Baptist Church of Elba. The combined

choirs of Rocky Head and Shiloh rendered music. Members from both churches attended this Homecoming.

***The Annual Revival of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Banks began Monday, Aug. 21, and will continue through Friday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Guest evangelist is Rev. Eugene Leonard Sr., pastor of Good Shepherd Full Gospel Baptist Church of Dothan.

***109th Church Anniversary Program of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Elba will be Sunday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. The Word of God will be brought by Rev. J.E. Jones, First Baptist Church of Shorter, Ala.

Gospel Singing to be held at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

Vanderbilt Holiness Church, located on County Road 114 off Highway 167, 1 mile past Southland Church Plant, will have a Gospel Singing Saturday, August 26 at 6:00 p.m.

C.C. Baptist Association is offering classes on Interpreting Revelations

The Coffee County Baptist Institute of Sanford University's Extension Division is offering courses in Interpreting Revelations, taught by Dr. Bruce Calhoun, and Interpreting James, taught by Dr. John Granger. The semester begins Aug.



Catheryn T. Carpenter

Happy Birthday - Catheryn Tonnette Carpenter of Elba

Catheryn Tonnette Carpenter celebrated her 25th birthday on Tuesday, Aug. 15. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Carpenter of Elba. She is a member of Rocky Head MB Church, a member of Rocky Head MB Church ensemble, an usher, corresponding secretary of the MMBD Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union and an employee of Wee Care Day Care Center of Elba. She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School.

Catheryn has four sisters and two brothers. She is the granddaughter of the late Rayfield and Hattie Bell Carpenter of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Middleton of Andalusia.

Today is a good day, be grateful!
Eria

The featured singing group will be "Voice of Praise". Bro. Roy Turner, pastor of Vanderbilt Holiness Church and the congregation invite everyone to come.

28 and ends Dec. 11. Classes meet at the Coffee County Baptist Association Office, 601 East McKinnon Street in New Brockton. For more information, call 347-6717 or 894-6411.

LIFESTYLES



Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Ray

Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Ray to celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Carlton and Hazel Ray of Elba will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, Aug. 25.

The Rays' have been lifelong residents of Elba. Mrs. Ray was born in Elba and began working at a local drug store at the age of 14. She was admitted as a resident of the Elba Nursing Home on June 9, 2000. Mr. Ray was born in the Danley's Crossroads Community. He spent three years in the Army during World War II and worked for the Veterans Adminis-

Foley Reunion is planned for Saturday, August 26th

The annual Foley Reunion will be Saturday, August 26, at Rob and Lucille Foley's Pond off Coffee County Road 377. We will start serving lunch at 11:30.

Bring covered dishes and tea. Plates, forks, cups and ice will be furnished. Come early to allow time to visit.

New date set for annual Lee Reunion

The annual Lee Reunion has been changed from the 1st Sunday in September to the 2nd Sunday in October. The Reunion will be held at the Elba Masonic Lodge, Sunday, October 8, 2000.



Mr. & Mrs. William Foy White

Mr. and Mrs. William Foy White celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Foy White celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 14, 2000. They were honored with a private party at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David White.

Foy and Lila are lifelong residents of Coffee County. Members

Brian Glover graduates from Auburn University

Brian William Glover, son of Bob and Penny Glover of Elba, was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a specialty in health promotion on Aug. 14 from Auburn University. A 1995 graduate of Elba High School, Brian was active with various duties in the Auburn Athletic Department.

Brian, who will be married in November, will be seeking employment in the Atlanta area.

Sandra Horton on Dean's List at Wallace Community College

Sandra P. Horton of New Brockton was among the students being named to the Dean's List at Wallace Community College for Summer Semester 2000 by earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above but below a 4.0.

How to Use the Internet course being offered at ESJC

How to Use the Internet is a special interest course being offered in the first of two sessions at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. This course will provide some quick tips on how to surf the World Wide Web. It is designed for students who have had NO experience using the Internet. The course is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. There is a \$25.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is September 18. For more information call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Coffee County Schools Menu Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 2000

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| Monday - Biscuit, Chicken Patty, Jelly or Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Monday - Hamburger, Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato Slice, Dill Pickles, Fruit, Milk |
| Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Tuesday - Lemon Baked Chicken, Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk |
| Wednesday - Waffles, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Wednesday - Spaghetti, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Butterbeans, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Cereal, Milk |
| Thursday - Pancake Puffs, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk | Thursday - Chicken Salad Sandwich, Sloppy Joes, Peas & Carrots, Potato Slices, Fruit, Cookie, Milk |
| Friday - | Friday - |

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Church Directory

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Bennett Abbott, Pastor Church Service.....9:30 a.m. 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m. DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m. ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Randy Neal, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY J. 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Preliminary statistics show Alabama's infant mortality rate for 1999 decreased to 9.8 per 1,000 live births from the 1998 rate of 10.2. This year's rate is the second best ever recorded and the past three years are the lowest average rate of infant mortality ever, according to the Center for Health Statistics of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Positive trends noted include improved access to appropriate prenatal care and reduced births to teenage girls. The percent of births to mothers who had adequate prenatal care increased to 77.8 in 1999, the highest ever recorded and an increase from 67.6 in 1991. The percent of births to teenagers in Alabama declined to its lowest level in at least a decade, 16.2. Teens had an infant mortality rate of 14.0 per 1,000 live births, while adults had a rate of 8.9 rate. The infant mortality rate for white infants tied the 1994 rate at 6.9 per 1,000 live births. This had been a record low rate.

Despite the improvements, Alabama still had one of the highest infant mortality rates in the nation. The 1999 U.S. provisional rate was 7.0. Also on the negative side, the rate of infant mortality among blacks, 16.0, increased to its highest level since 1994 when the rate was 16.4. The U.S. infant mortality rate for black infants is lower than the Alabama rate, 14.3.

State Health Officer Dr. Donald Williamson said, "The serious problem of infant mortality needs to be addressed through comprehensive health education programs for expectant mothers and developing other strategies to reduce infant deaths."

Programs should encourage women to take steps such as the following:

- stopping smoking and getting early and adequate prenatal care;
- positioning infants to sleep on their backs to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or SIDS;
- promoting the availability of family planning services to prevent unwanted pregnancies;
- encouraging women to consume adequate amounts of folic acid during childbearing years to prevent neural tube defects which can lead to infant deaths and disabilities.

Infants of smokers have a higher infant mortality rate. Mothers who did not use tobacco during their pregnancies had an infant mortality rate of 9.3, while the rate for tobacco users was 12.0. An increasing percent of teenagers used tobacco during their pregnancies, 15.4 percent, while 12.2 percent of infant mortality adults mothers smoked while pregnant. In addition to wor-

ing complications at birth, smoking in the home adds risks of future health problems to children because of secondhand smoke.

Far too many Alabama babies are dying due to SIDS. Changing the sleeping position of babies so that they are put to sleep on their backs rather than on their stomachs could help reduce the number of SIDS deaths. Studies indicate that African Americans are more likely to put their babies to sleep on their stomachs.

Other strategies to reduce infant mortality include expanding family planning activities to avoid unplanned pregnancies. Nearly half of all births were unintended. According to the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey, 52.1 percent of pregnancies were intended at the time when the mother became pregnant. An initiative to be launched this fall will offer family planning to more Alabama women than ever before.

Another way to prevent infant mortality is to increase the intake of folic acid to expectant mothers to lessen the occurrence of neural tube defects. All women of childbearing age need to consume 400 micrograms of the B vitamin folic acid each day to help prevent birth defects. Research has shown that folic acid can help reduce the risk of having a baby born with the neural tube defects spina bifida and anencephaly.

Mothers ages 30 to 39 had the highest percentage of adequate prenatal care, 87.5 percent; while girls under 18 had the lowest, 36.2. The percentages of adequate care for other age groups are as follows: teens ages 15-17, 54.9; teens 18-19, 64.2; women 20-29, 78.6; and women 40 and older, 81.0 percent.

The infant mortality rate continues to be highest among low birth weight babies (those weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5 pounds, 8 ounces at birth), with these babies having an infant mortality rate of 66.4. Normal weight babies had an infant mortality rate of 3.6 per 1,000 live births.

Multiple births decreased slightly from 3.1 in 1998 to 3.0 in 1999. The infant mortality rate for multi-

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QUITE A CATCH. Brandon Harbuck of Elba and Seth Coleman of Enterprise made quite a catch recently while fishing off the lighted pier at the Coffee County Lake in Elba. Brandon is shown holding a 17 1/2 pound catfish he caught while Seth is holding three catfish he caught with the combined weight of 16 pounds.

ESJC accepting registration for community chorus

If you love to sing, join Enterprise State Junior College's Community Chorus. Participants, along with the ESJC Singers, will present a performance in December. The Chorus meets on Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 25-Dec. 4. There is a \$10 fee for this course. Interested persons may register at any time. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

State Law Library announces website

The Supreme Court and State Law Library announces the creation of the Alabama Judicial System Online (<http://www.judicial.state.al.us>). The site serves as an entry point for Alabama's appellate courts system and offers reference and educational material.

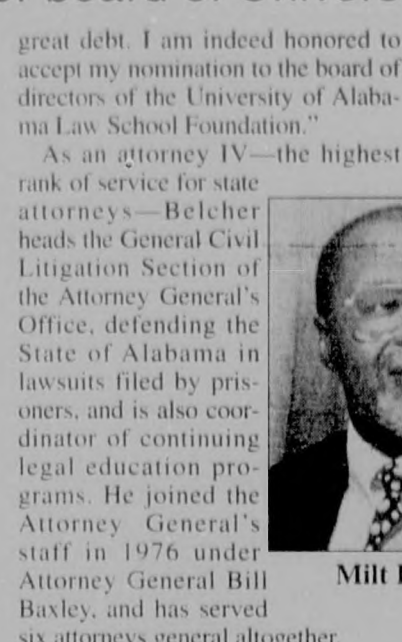
The site showcases a Virtual Tour of Alabama's Judicial Building, the first of its kind in the nation. Visitors can take a virtual reality walk-through tour and view details of items in the building.

The site also includes an educational area for students, known as KidStuff! Hosted by Ruffles the

Belcher selected for board of University of Alabama Law School Foundation

Assistant Attorney General Milt Belcher has been chosen to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the University of Alabama Law School Foundation, taking office in September for a three-year term. Founded in 1961, the foundation meets annually to discuss and vote on business matters of importance to the law school. The board, whose members act as advisors to the law school's dean, is comprised of leading and well-respected attorneys and business leaders throughout Alabama and elsewhere.

Belcher expressed gratitude and great regard for the university where he earned his law degree in 1976. "When I returned stateside from military service in Africa in 1973, I applied only to the University of Alabama law school. This school not only accepted me, but also was kind enough to place me in a work-study job. Now, in the year 2000, this opportunity to serve my alma mater is a repayment of only a fraction of a



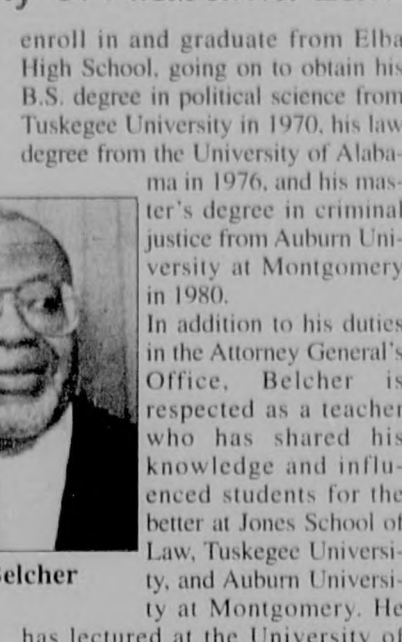
Milt Belcher

great debt. I am indeed honored to accept my nomination to the board of directors of the University of Alabama Law School Foundation."

As an attorney IV—the highest rank of service for state attorneys—Belcher heads the General Civil Litigation Section of the Attorney General's Office, defending the State of Alabama in lawsuits filed by prisoners, and is also coordinator of continuing legal education and seminars.

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Scout "roundup" to be held Aug. 29 in Elba

Parents who want their boys to be self-reliant, dependable, caring, learn honesty, trustworthiness and respect for others and the environment should check out what Scouting has to offer.

Scouting offers boys in first grade through age 18 the opportunity to combine fun with educational activities, adventure, and lifelong values. It also helps parents to help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship and enhance both mental and physical fitness. The program also provides boys with positive peer groups and support to shape their future.

Both Pack 37 and Troop 37 in Elba will be having recruitment "roundup" on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Elementary School. Those interested in more information should attend this meeting.

Elba work release inmates provide labor hours

During the month of May, inmates at the Elba Work Release facility of the Department of Corrections posted over 1,700 hours of service for area agencies.

A total of 228 inmates worked for 1,776 hours on various projects for 12 agencies, according to information released by Dewayne Ester, warden of the Elba Work Release facility.

Agencies requesting assistance from the work release were: City of Elba Recycling, Elba High School, City of Elba Street Department, City of Elba Police Department, Elba National Guard, Coffee County Human Resources, Town of Kingston, Coffee County, Enterprise National Guard, Daleville National Guard, State of Alabama Forestry Department and Adopt-A-Mile.

Of the 228 inmates, 38 of them assisted the City of Elba Recycling with pickup and packaging of recyclables while 26 helped the City of Elba Street Dept. with clean up and beautification and 34 washed cars and cleaned offices for the City of Elba Police Dept. 32 inmates helped Coffee County with road maintenance while eight inmates cleaned the roadway of U.S. 189 for the Adopt-A-Mile program. 34 inmates helped the National Guards of Daleville and Enterprise with building and grounds cleanup as three inmates performed cleaning and maintenance duties for the Elba National Guard. Coffee County Human Resources required the help of eight inmates with the unloading of trucks.

The remaining 45 inmates of the 228 were involved in some sort of cleaning duty. Their jobs were: 15 inmates helped with campus cleanup at Elba High School; 16 inmates picked up trash and cleaned the streets for the Town of Kingston; and 14 inmates cleaned state property for the State of Alabama Forestry Dept.

According to Estes, the 1,776 hours of service provided by the 228 work release inmates equaled a total dollar value of \$9,146.40 for the month of May, 2000.

my. He has also presented seminars on racial/ethnic sensitivity to employees of the University of Alabama. He continues to serve on the J.F. Ingram State Technical Advisory Council, having been appointed to that position in 1982 by former Gov. George Wallace.

Belcher also served on active duty and continued to serve in the army national guard as a U.S. Army officer in the United States, Africa, Korea and Germany, retiring as a major after 22 years. He is co-author, with Dr. Donald W. Bogle (director of the Center for Demographic and Cultural Research, Auburn University at Montgomery) and the late William A. Barrett (Program Analyst, Alabama Department of Human Resources), of the 1988 book, "The Black Male in Alabama: A Demographic Portrait." Belcher's personal update of this book in 1990 is entitled "Arresting the Plague Among Black Males - Let the Healing Begin."

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The girls received superior honors for both the cheer and the dance evaluation. There was a jump-off held in which Melissa Mullar won first place, Chelsea Cooper second, and Cammie Kelly third. All-star tryouts were offered and 11 who tried out made it. They include: Cammie Kelly, Melissa Mullar, Lauren Suley, Kern Lawford, Sara Purvis and Chelsea Cooper. The senior Captain and Co-captain were also offered a trip to New York for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. When the camp ended the girls left exhausted but well prepared for the upcoming season.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, seven four-year-old and six-year-old children arrived at the Elba Elementary School to attend the Kindergarten Jump Start Program. The program, which began five years ago at EES, is designed to familiarize the students with the teachers, staff and school. Jump Start gives the children a taste of what to expect from their school day. It includes a visit to the library, going to P.E., meeting the school nurse and eating in the lunchroom. The program is equally beneficial to the teachers, allowing them the opportunity to meet with the students and parents prior to the start of the school year. Mr. Mickey McCollough, principal at EES, feels the program helps lessen some of the students' anxieties and makes them more secure about being in school for the first time.

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Writing Assessment teachers and students at Elba Elementary School are extremely proud of the results they received on the Alabama Writing Assessment. EES teachers received training in preparing our students for the Alabama Writing Assessment, which is administered to the state's fifth grade students during the 1999-2000 school year and worked very hard to apply their knowledge to show gains in the 2000 test results. After receiving these results from the State Department of Education and comparing these scores to those from the 1999 assessment gains are certainly seen. The assessment is scored through the use of a holistic and an analytic rubric. The rubrics are built around four levels with level one being the lowest and level four being the highest. Of course, the goal of any school taking the assessment is to have as many students as possible receiving the level four score; however, it is very exciting to see students fall into level three. Elba Elementary School's objective for the 2000 assessment was to move students who previously scored in the level one to level two, from level two to level three, and from level three to level four. The comparison of Elba Elementary's 2000 scores to their 1999 scores showed a two percent increase in level four, a fourteen percent increase in level three, a fourteen percent decrease in level two and a ten percent decrease in level one. EES has two more students in level four this year, twelve more in level three, ten less in level two and eight less in level one. The decreases in levels one and two are exactly what schools hope to see since these are the two lowest levels on the rubric. Elba Elementary fourth grade through sixth grade teachers have a training session on the Alabama Writing Assessment scheduled for their teacher in-service day on Nov. 13. They have set high goals for their students and hope to see even more progress on the 2001 Alabama Writing Assessment.

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Tiger Tales

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Co-Op Spotlight

by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Chris Sasser, a 17-year-old employee of Ace Hardware. Among his many responsibilities, Chris stocks shelves, assists customers and keeps the store clean.

Chris is the son of Bruce and Phyllis Sasser and is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of VICA, Tri-M, and the band where he serves as transportation officer. Chris attends New Haven Baptist Church, where he serves as the assistant music director. He is a member of the youth group and helps as needed throughout the church.

After graduation, Chris plans on attending Troy State University where he will major in music.



Chris Sasser

TIGER BRIEFS

GO! FIGHT! WIN!
by Chelsea Cooper

On Aug. 9, sleep deprived Varsity Cheerleaders began the instructional workshop known as UCA cheerleading camp. The first day included the girls learning various cheers and two dances. During the short breaks, they were taught humorous team building games that involved listening carefully, following instructions, and even making a bunk bed out of two girls in a matter of three seconds. The second day was filled with perfecting the newly learned material and then evaluation.

The girls received superior honors for both the cheer and the dance evaluation. There was a jump-off held in which Melissa Mullar won first place, Chelsea Cooper second, and Cammie Kelly third. All-star tryouts were offered and 11 who tried out made it. They include: Cammie Kelly, Melissa Mullar, Lauren Suley, Kern Lawford, Sara Purvis and Chelsea Cooper. The senior Captain and Co-captain were also offered a trip to New York for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. When the camp ended the girls left exhausted but well prepared for the upcoming season.

Jump Start at EES

by Amanda Beerenstrauch

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, seven four-year-old and six-year-old children arrived at the Elba Elementary School to attend the Kindergarten Jump Start Program. The program, which began five years ago at EES, is designed to familiarize the students with the teachers, staff and school. Jump Start gives the children a taste of what to expect from their school day. It includes a visit to the library, going to P.E., meeting the school nurse and eating in the lunchroom. The program is equally beneficial to the teachers, allowing them the opportunity to meet with the students and parents prior to the start of the school year. Mr. Mickey McCollough, principal at EES, feels the program helps lessen some of the students' anxieties and makes them more secure about being in school for the first time.

Elba Elementary School Menu Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 2000

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California-style Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Barbecue, Rice, Fried Okra, Bread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Braised Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Thursday - Chili w/ Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Chicken Filet Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Cake, Milk

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Mike Williams New Principal At Elba High

by Cammie Kelley

Mr. Mike Williams entered Elba High School on July 10 as a foreigner. He was the new man on campus. However, his determination was indicated by the gleam in his eye. As new principal, he had several tasks to accomplish before school began. July was certainly a busy month. Mr. Williams began the month by meeting faculty, hiring new teachers and making sure the school was tidy. He continually worked on the student handbook and gathered information for the new teachers at EHS. He was certainly receiving hands-on training of "how it's done" in the principal's office.

School started on Aug. 4, and all students and faculty seemed very excited about the upcoming year. Mr. Williams stated, "I was impressed, especially with the student and faculty organization. I foresee having a great year. There were few problems, which was impressive. I thought the morale was outstanding."

As far as changes, Mr. Williams does not plan to change things. He



Mr. Mike Williams

only intends to make them better. He looks forward to success academically and athletically this upcoming year.

Mr. Williams' main concern is the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. The graduation exam has been raised from the eighth grade level to an eleventh grade level.

level. All students must pass the language and reading sections of the exam to graduate from high school. Mr. Williams hopes that 100% of students will pass and graduate. Mr. Williams stated, "It takes teachers and students doing their part. Students have to have desire, be responsible, and have self-discipline." He has an optimistic outlook and is certain that all students will pass and graduate from Elba High School.

In closing, Mr. Williams believes that high standards and expectations can be achieved with desire and determination. He is very impressed with the atmosphere here at Elba High. He is certainly looking forward to a great year.

With high hopes and determination, Mr. Williams will probably become familiar with Elba High School. He is a great leader and will lead Elba High School in a great direction. He is not a foreigner anymore. Elba High School will believe in him and support him fully for the next year. It is certainly a great task, but he is certainly an over-achiever.

Students: Living In The Real World

by Bethany Dye

Say, "Goodbye" to walking in a line, "So long" to the playground and "Adios" to naps. Say "hello" to short order, pep rallies, lockers, and Mr. Dunn. Say "hello" to high school because now, you're "living in the real world."

On Aug. 4, there were quite a few new additions to EHS as roughly 90 seventh graders received their first taste of high school. Upon the ringing of the tardy bell, it seemed as though some of the "rookies," as they are commonly called, were a bit confused. Several were sitting in the seniors' section, while others were scattered throughout the auditorium or just walking around aimlessly. I, being a senior this year at EHS, can sympathize. High school usually poses as a whole new world for entering seventh graders, a world that can be exciting, confusing, and scary all at the same time. Not only are there

numerous ways to get lost, but there are also many new customs, rules, and "big kids" to get run over by.

I inquired the opinions of a few of the "rookies" on what they thought about starting high school.

According to Kasey Simmons, "I think the seventh grade is fun, but a lot of work."

Ashley Walden confessed, "The first day was exciting, but, at first, I was a little nervous."

In the words of Mason Gully, "The first day of school was cool. Everybody was having a good time."

Now, with the first day behind them, the seventh grade students are looking forward to a great year.

Band News

EHS Auxiliaries Attend Heart of Dixie Camp

by Katie Crowe

During the week of June 26-28, the EHS danceline, majorettes, colorguard, and drum majors traveled on a hot school bus to the University of South Alabama for the Heart of Dixie Auxiliary Camp. The day was full of classes lasting from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., with a few short breaks in between. Each day of the camp, EHS's very own Sr. Drum Major, Ashley Harrison, won the marching contest between the drum majors. The groups learned new routines, and some of these have been added to the 2000 EHS Marching Tiger Band halftime show. The week concluded with an evaluation of each group, in which the EHS danceline and colorguard received superior ratings. The drum majors also received superior ratings during the evaluation. The danceline, colorguard, and majorettes were also later invited to perform in the 2001 Citrus Bowl.

Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Emily Bradshaw
Age: 12 years old
Grade: 7th grade
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite kind of music: Contemporary
Clubs/Activities: Band at EHS, choir and wind instrument section at church
Interests/Hobbies: Singing and four-wheeler riding
Personal quote: "EHS is a wonderful place!"



Emily Bradshaw

Emily Bradshaw's favorite subject in school is spelling. She likes spelling because she enjoys learning new challenging words. Her favorite thing about Elba High School is it's band. After Emily graduates she plans on attending college, and then attending medical school. Emily's most memorable moment at EHS was her first day of school. She was excited to be in school and to see all of her friends again after the long summer.

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

When we went school shopping recently for Melanie, we had a big problem finding shorts that were long enough and tops that would cover enough to meet school regulations. The elementary school has a policy that requires shorts to reach close to the knees and tops that don't have thin shoulder straps, such as tank tops, and many other shirts. By the time school starts most stores have fall clothes on the racks, which aren't needed until November of December here in South Alabama, and the only shorts to be found are on the sales racks, and if you can find some the kids will wear, they are usually too short. As the father of two girls, I understand the school's need for a dress code. However, it is sure hard to satisfy both your daughter and the principal when it comes to clothes!

NEW REGIONS MAKE SCHEDULES INTERESTING FOR FANS

When the Alabama High School Athletic Association changed its football alignments from areas to regions, it made it easier for many teams to find games, and at the same time made it fun for the fans to check out the new regions and plot out on the map just where their favorite teams would have to travel. The schedules of the teams in our area are included on the sports pages this week, and while the region games are noted, I thought I would take this chance to throw in my two cents worth...

***** ELBA TIGERS** - The Tigers were in the easiest area in the state for the past two years along with Clayton and Slocomb, and this year may very well be in the easiest region in the state, since four of its five opponents combined for a 7-33 record last season, and the fifth opponent did even play varsity football. The Tigers certainly won't be the favorite after going 3-7 in '99, but have to believe they should at least make the playoffs, and possibly even win the region.

***** BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs have been one of the state's top 1A teams for many years and don't really care who is in their region. However, this year the Bulldogs region will include both Florida and G.W. Long, two teams that Brantley met in the playoffs last season, and you know both of those teams have the games against the Bulldogs circled. Brantley should survive without many problems in its region and has to be a prohibitive favorite, but it could be more interesting than many think.

***** NEW BROCKTON** - The Gamecocks won their area the past two years without any problems, but that certainly will not be the case this season under the new region set-up. There are a total of eight teams in Region 2 along with New Brockton, and these region opponents include Cottonwood, Geneva County, Houston County and Wicksburg. While the Gamecocks should be very competitive this season, they will have to play exceptionally well to make the top four and earn a spot in the playoffs.

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THE PRESSBOX

Schedule includes five region opponents

Elba Tigers prepare for 2000 football season

While the year 2000 ushered in a new millennium all across the world, it also ushered in a new age in Elba Tiger football with no less than seven new regular season opponents included on the Tigers 2000 schedule.

The Tigers will give their fans a sneak preview of things to come on Thursday, Aug. 31, when they open the season at home against the (2A) Straughn Tigers. Elba split with Straughn the first two years the two schools met, with the visiting team winning both times. Straughn, 5-6 a year ago, has been hurt by player defections to surrounding schools, but is expected to field a very competitive 1A club.

The Tigers will remain at home on Sept. 8 when they renew their rivalry with the (2A) Samson Tigers. Elba played Samson two years ago in a spring game, but hasn't played the Tigers from Geneva County for over a decade. Samson struggled to a 3-7 record last season, but should be fired up about the chance to knock off their 3A hosts.

Elba will close out its three-game home stand on Sept. 15 when it hosts the (3A) Luverne Tigers. The Elba-Luverne game has long been a heated rivalry, which last season reached its ugly climax with the game being stopped after a fight. Luverne, 2-9 last season, isn't expected to field one of its stronger teams this year, but there is no doubt this Tiger fight will be as heated as ever.

The Tigers will hit the road on Sept. 29 when they make the long trip to (3A) Flomaton to tangle with the Flomaton Hurricanes. The Tigers defeated Flomaton in the 3A playoffs years ago during the Mack Wood years at Elba, but the two teams have not met since despite being two long time 3A powers.

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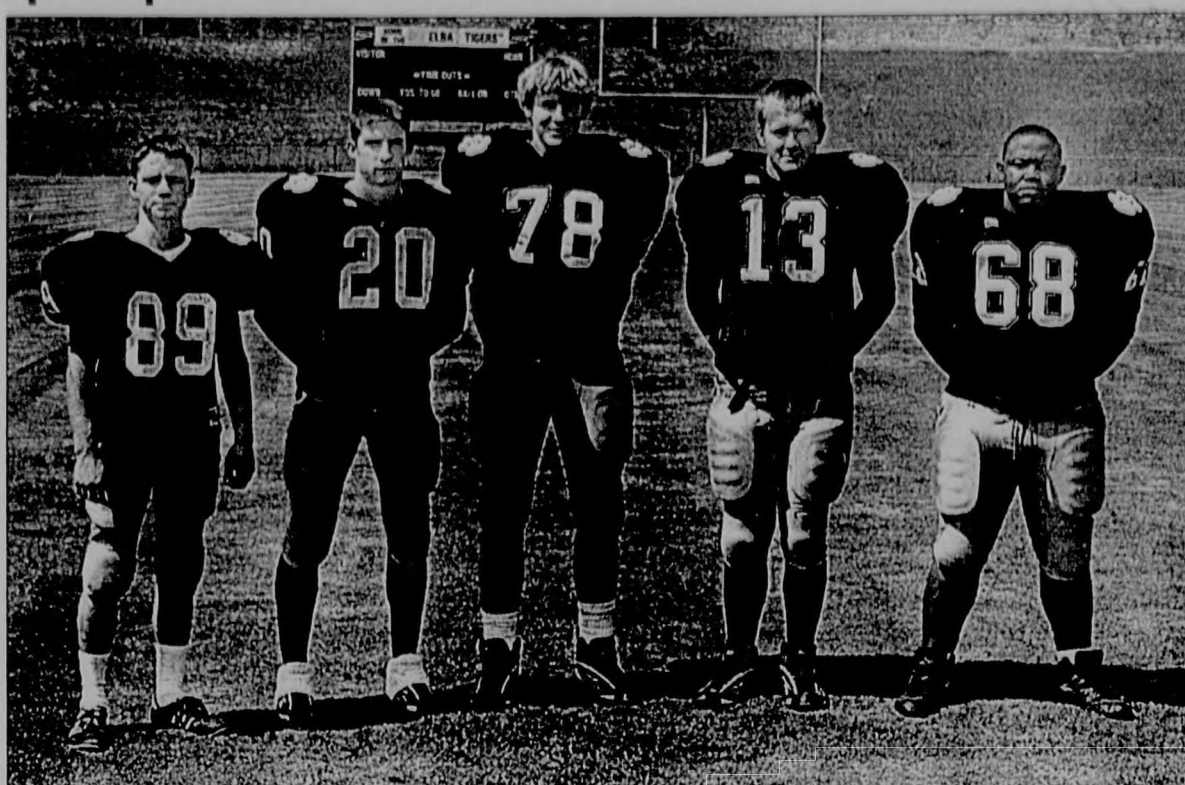
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2000 ELBA TIGER SENIORS... (l-r) Chris Turner, Alan Head, Carson Waters, Brandon Salter and Brian Brunson.

ELBA TIGERS

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| Aug. 31 | Straughn (5-6) | Home |
| Sept. 8 | Samson (3-7) | Home |
| Sept. 15 | Luverne * (2-9) | Home |
| Sept. 22 | Opp (9-3) | Away |
| Sept. 29 | Flomaton * (4-6) | Away |
| Oct. 6 | Highland Home (10-3) | Away |
| Oct. 13 | W.S. Neal * (0-10) | Home |
| Oct. 20 | Washington Co. * (1-8) | Away |
| Oct. 27 | Gulf Shores * (DNP) | Away |
| Nov. 3 | Trinity (8-5) | Home |

(* Designates Region Game)

and this season is looking to continue its success. The Tigers could be headed into an ambush if they are not ready to play against this 2A power.

Elba will return home on Friday the 13th (Oct. 13) when it hosts the (3A) W.S. Neal Eagles. The Tigers and Eagles haven't met since the 3A playoffs many years ago. However, the two teams have a rich history in football, and this match-up looks like a good one for years to come. W.S. Neal stumbled to an 0-10 slate last season, but showed vast improvement in the spring, and is looking to rebound and roll up the wins. The Tigers will have their hands full with this batch of Eagles.

The Tigers will pack their bags for a long road trip on Oct. 20 when they head to Chatom to do battle with the (3A) Washington County Bulldogs. Elba upset Washington County in the opening round of the 3A playoffs back in '98, and you know the Bulldogs and their fans will be looking forward to the Tigers making the long hike. The Bulldogs struggled to a 1-8 mark last season; however, they are barking loud down in southwest Alabama and looking forward to the season. Elba will have its hands full in the Dog pound down in Chatom.

The Tigers will head to the beaches on Oct. 27 when they make the four hour trip to Gulf Shores to tangle with the (3A) Gulf Shores Dolphins. Elba has made many long road trips over the years in the playoffs, but the back-to-back trips to Washington County and Gulf Shores will certainly be a challenge. Gulf Shores is in its first season of varsity competition, but is filled with athletes that previously played at Foley, and is looking to win immediately. If the Tigers are caught thinking about the beach, they could get sand kicked in their faces.

The Tigers will close out the season on Nov. 3 when they host the (4A) Trinity Wildcats, of Montgomery. Elba was knocked out of the 3A playoffs last season in the opening round by the Wildcats, but added the Montgomery private school after being stuck with only nine games, and four home games. Trinity posted an 8-5 mark last season, and is expected to be even better this year as it competes in the 4A ranks. There is no doubt the Tigers will have their hands full in week #10.

Elba's region games will include Luverne, Flomaton, W.S. Neal, Washington County, and Gulf Shores, and while the Tigers' region opponents were a combined 7-33 last season, it should be a very competitive region race as the six teams battle for the four spots in the 3A playoffs.

For more information please call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Soccer registration to end Aug. 25

Registration is now underway in Elba for a fall soccer league for both boys and girls ages 12 and under. The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has committed to begin a youth soccer league this fall, with games set to begin in September. The league will be co-ed, with boys and girls on each team, and will include instruction from out-of-town coaches and actual matches against each other, and possibly out-of-town teams.

Registration will continue through Friday, Aug. 25, for both players and coaches, and forms are available at the Elba Recreation Center, Elba City Hall and Elba Elementary School.

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Over 100 players taking part in preseason drills at West Alabama

The University of West Alabama football team finished its first day of two-day-a-week workouts here Sunday and Tiger head coach Bobby Johns was pleased with what he saw.

"It is very, very early and we are still learning but I like what I see so far," stated Johns. Johns currently has 104 on the practice field but was expecting many more walk-ons when school started on August 21.

"We had a good day," said Johns, who is heading into his fourth season at the Tiger helm. "The players were very attentive and they have a great attitude. We certainly have a

lot more talent on the field right now."

The Bulldogs open the season at home against a pair of 2A rivals, and should find out in a hurry just how good they really are. Kinston's opener will come on Sept. 1, when the Bulldogs host the Samson Tigers, a team that struggled to a 3-7 slate a year ago, while on Sept. 8, Kinston will stay at home and battle the Geneva County Bulldogs, a team that posted an 8-4 mark last season, and is looking to be much improved.

Kinston will begin a stretch of five straight region games on September 15 when the Bulldogs head over to Arton to battle the Arton Purple Cats, a team that closed out the year with five straight losses to finish at 5-5. The Bulldogs will be back at home on Sept. 22 for a clash with the Florida Wildcats, a playoff team the past two years, while on Sept. 29, the Bulldogs will play at home for the final time

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SPORTS

Change to region alignment moves New Brockton Gamecocks into tough territory

The New Brockton Gamecocks struggled to a 5-7 record last season, but despite the less than impressive record, claimed their second straight area championship and advanced to the state football playoffs. While a trip to the playoffs should still be possible, this year's Gamecocks will find the road to the playoffs quite a bit tougher as the state high schools begin their first year under the new regional alignment.

New Brockton will open the season against a pair of 1A opponents in Zion Chapel and G.W. Long. The opener, on Sept. 1, will take place at Zion Chapel, and the Gamecocks will run into a much more confident band of Rebels than in recent years. The Sept. 8 clash

against G.W. Long will take place at Gamecock Stadium, and while more Rebels will be on the menu, this band of Rebels went 13-1 a year ago, and will enter the game as big favorites over New Brockton.

New Brockton will begin a stretch of seven straight region games on Sept. 15, when the Gamecocks travel to Wicksburg to battle the powerful Wicksburg Panthers, a team that wasn't satisfied with last year's 11-1 slate, while on Sept. 22, the Gamecocks will renew an old rivalry when they host the Cottonwood Bears, a team looking to bounce back after a 5-6 campaign a year ago.

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